



AmeriCorps in Arizona!

A Pathway to Community Service, Education and Employment

Are you ready to pitch in and get things done for Arizona? Arizona AmeriCorps programs are looking for dedicated people of all ages and abilities interested in helping meet important needs in Arizona communities.

Many individuals with disabilities have had the opportunity to actively participate in AmeriCorps*State programs. The service provided by AmeriCorps members has made a huge difference for communities in Arizona, for our country, and for the individuals who choose to serve. **Ted and Maureen** share their successes. To learn more about AmeriCorps, please visit www.americorps.gov.

Ted Garland, served at the Institute for Human Development at Northern Arizona University, promoting public awareness, using his great ability in public speaking. At first he had some doubts about participating in national service. "I initially thought I wouldn't get accepted, but in the Arizona AmeriCorps I completed my first term and I didn't want to leave." Ted, a person with cerebral palsy, is a role model in his community. He says, "I'm showing everyone by example what they can do, too. They can participate in national service and live by the slogan, I will get things done for America."



"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." -- Dr. Martin Luther King

"I was trying to find a place where I felt comfortable gaining work experience in a more supportive environment. I felt that national service was a good place to make that first step into the workforce. I felt like I had a lot of things to prove to myself, and national service seemed like a good place to do that. And working in an elementary school matched my background. It seemed like a good fit and a good transition. I just wanted to find another way to help people. The key thing with AmeriCorps was actually the ability to help other people. I felt that I have accomplished the challenges I set up for myself by starting national service. I live independently. I've done just fine. These were my personal challenges that I set for myself and I feel very successful."



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